

Space Experts Worrying About Moon Trip Encore

Inside of three years, the time required to orbit humans United States confidently expects to land men on the moon.

When that momentous event occurs, it will be the result of a decade of planning and expenditure of something like \$30 billion. Certainly it will be a day of great celebration.

But the space experts involved in the program are worried. Not about the possibility of failure—there appears to be no doubt that the moon landing will succeed as scheduled. The worry is over what to do for an encore.

THERE ARE 18 National Aeronautics and Space Administration installations in the country—five of them in California—representing an investment of more than \$4 billion. It would be a shame if success put them out of business.

For that reason and because of the very long lead time required to orbit humans to another planet, top space officials, according to the Christian Science Monitor, are pressuring President Johnson to commit the nation to a post-moon landing space goal: a manned landing on Mars by 1965.

THE EXPERTS argue that the problems to be overcome in reaching Mars are less formidable than the problems faced in reaching the moon when the moon project was begun in 1961. It's basically only a matter of money. And if the space scientists have to wait until after the moon landing is a fact, much valuable time will be lost.

The argument also is raised that if we don't set our sights on Mars now, the Russians will beat us to it.

THERE ARE some imaginative people who contend that the enormous cost of space exploration isn't worth it, what with the demands of the war in Viet Nam and various domestic programs. Columbus had problems like that, too. The Senate of his native Genoa, which appointed a committee to study his request to finance a westward voyage to China, sent him a turn-down letter, which stated in part:

"We feel that you will be quite pleased with the output of this progressive, forward-looking committee of profound scholars. Incidentally, there was one additional member of the committee, a rather rash and impetuous young engineer, who showed his immaturity and poor judgment by advocating that the voyage itself be initiated immediately.

"Investigation proved him to be quite eccentric (the talks of flying machines and fancies himself an artist), and he was therefore dismissed from the committee. He is the son of a Florentine notary, and in case you desire to con-

Plan to Reduce Appeals Board Quorum Rejected

A proposal to reduce the "quorum" requirement of an important county commission from three to five members has been blocked by Supervisor Kenneth Hahn.

The Board of Supervisors hears and rules upon appeals tact him, his name is Leonardo da Vinci."

Anyway, the Spanish beat the Italians to the draw. And look how much better off Spain is than Italy today.

supported Hahn's move to deny the request of the five-member Building Rehabilitation Appeals Board. The Rehabilitation Appeals Board made by owners of structures later asked county supervisors for approval to be able to take action with a two-member quorum.

At one of 10 meetings this year, only two members were present and the board later asked county supervisors as often as possible on such vital matters as ordering the demolition or repair of property," Hahn said. "At no time should action be taken with less than a three-member majority."

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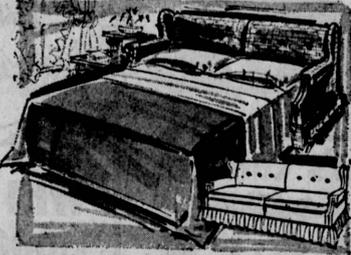


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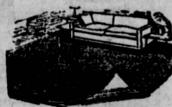


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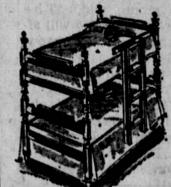


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